

The Beaverton Neon Blue Oval

An Oregon MUFON Case Study Report

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Abstract

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Description	Oval-shaped neon blue object with dark center flashed bright between Jupiter and another star in the southeast.
Witness	Shannon Hartwell (pseudonym).
Date and Time	2:05 AM, June 13, 2007.
Place	Near Beaverton, Oregon.
Weather	Clear star filled sky.
Duration	About three seconds.

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Introduction

Thanks to Keith Rowell, Field Investigator and Assistant State Director, for assisting me, Doug Hartley, Field Investigator, with the investigation of this case.

Keith made first contact on June 18, 2007, with the witness by email, establishing an appointment to conduct an interview. The interview was agreed upon and conducted at the home of the witness, Shannon Hartwell (pseudonym). Three other sightings had occurred at the same location spanning a three month period among three witnesses. We took the opportunity to interview the three witnesses at the same interview. All three witness to the four sightings were present and proceeded to let them give their statements in their chronological sequence. This particular report deals specifically with the second sighting of the group, but first to be reported.

Sighting Description

The witness, Shannon, was standing on the upper balcony of her friend's three story townhouse chatting in the early morning hours on June 13, 2007. In her report to MUFON the witness states that the two women were looking off into the southwestern sky where the sighting occurred. Upon personal visit of the location, we determined the direction of view to be southeast. Gazing above the tree line, the witness saw a flash of light she describes as "neon blue". She describes it as an oval shaped ring, darker toward the center. The flash lasted only a few seconds. The size of the object she describes as being that of a quarter at arms length in width and a dime in height. She immediately commented to her friend, "OH MY GOD! WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT!?" The second witness states that she did see a flash of light in her peripheral vision, but did not see the actual object directly.

The point in the sky of the object was determined to be about 35 to 40 degrees up from the horizon. It appeared above and in the center of a break in several tall evergreen trees.

Chronology of Observation

- Witness had a clear view of night sky from the upper balcony of a three-story townhouse
- The witness was looking toward the southeast
- Shannon saw a flash of neon blue in the shape of an oval with a dark center
- She states that the sighting only lasted a few seconds
- A secondary witness noticed only a flash of light in her peripheral vision, object disappearing before she could get a good look at it

Environment

The environment did not play a big part in this sighting except that it allowed a clear, mostly cloud-free sky for easily viewing the UFO.

Weather

The weather was relatively warm and clear in the early morning.

Neighborhood

The sighting occurred in residential community mostly of multi-story townhouses and single family dwellings.

Evidence

The evidence in this case is limited primarily to the witness' visual sighting of the object.

Analysis

Shannon appears to be a credible witness. She appeared, in the interview, to still be quite moved emotionally by the experience. Having the secondary witness nearby with years of UFO study and experience helped the primary witness in understanding the event, marking the time and noting the conditions of surroundings.

At a return visit to the home of the secondary witness, Carol, on June 29, 2007, I employed the program, Starry Night Pro, to locate or eliminate the possibility of the sighting being associated with a satellite or other identifiable object. Moving minute by minute through the stated time, date and location, the software produced no results suggesting any man-made object.

Conclusion

It is my conclusion that the object witnessed by Shannon is unexplainable when compared to any known aerial object. The UFO displayed an unusual shape, color and behavior. I recommend a MUFON disposition code of "unknown" for this case.